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Claims 1, 3-7, 11-15, and 27-44 are pending in the application.

Claims 27-29, 42 and 43 are allowed.

Claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 34, 35 and 40 are objected to.

Claims 1, 3-5, 11-13, 30-33, 36-39, 41 and 44 are rejected.

The Examiner has objected to claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 34, 35 and 40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that they would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 35 and 40 as indicated, and therefore believes the claims to be in a condition for allowance. Applicant cancels claim 34.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-5, 11-13, 30-33, 36-39, 41 and 44 as being anticipated or made obvious by one of, or a combination of, the following references: Carter, O'Herron, Fatur, Gerwitz et al, and Vaccaro.

Applicant cancels claims 1, 3-5, 11-13, 30-33, 36-39, 41 and 44 to facilitate bringing this case to allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 27-29, 35, 40, 42 and 43 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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